Additional air flights between Delhi and Hyderabad

331. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is usually a large waiting list of passengers on the Hyderabad-Delhi-Hyderabad sector of Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, whether Indian Airlines is proposing to operate additional flights between Delhi and Hyderabad in both the directions?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The capacity provided between Delhi-Hyderabad is considered adequate to meet the passenger demand and hence no additional flight on this sector is ocntemplated at present.

Deputation of Cultural Troupes/ Artists in Festival of India

332. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cultural troupes and artistes were deputed to participate in various Festivals of India;

(b) the names and addresses of such troupes and artistes;

(c) the criteria followed in selecting the troupes and artistes; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on each Troupe/artistes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names and addresses of such troupes and artistes for the Festivals of India in the USSR, Indian Manifestation in Sweden and Festival of Indian in Japan are at Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 11].

(c) The selections are on the basis of merit to ensure that the best available telents are selected, keeping in view the design of the Festival and programmes determined thereunder.

(d) The information is being collected in respect of the troupes referred to in the reply to part (b) and will be laid on the Table.

Festival of India in Japan

333. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Festival of India is being organised in Japan; and

(b) if so, the expenditure to be incurred on the Festival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Festival of India in Japan was inaugurated on 15th April, 1988.

(b) The expenditure estimated to be incurred on the Festival is Rs. 400 lakhs.

Yoga Treatment

334. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Yoga can prevent asthma" as reported in the "Hindustan times" dated 6th April, 1988;

(b) whether it has been revealed in the said news-item that many ailments can be cured by Yoga exercises;